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By Bonnie A. Anderson [Bonnie A. Anderson]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 3641
JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL.	)	Examiner: Thomson, Michelle
Serial No.: 09/998,814	)	
Filed: October 21, 2001	)	
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	)	
LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN	)	
POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION	)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the deadline for filing the accompanying Amendment be extended by three months, from August 24, 2004 to November 24, 2004.

A check for \$980 is enclosed to cover the fee for this request. Please charge any additional fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

Respectfully submitted,

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